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Column One

By

David Courtney

MAPAI and the General Zionists make an odd team. It is not a case of lions lying down with lambs or mad hatters going into partnership with march hares or anything apposite to amusing allusions. There is nothing amusing about it at all. It has come into being as a result of the most powerful political force there is: the force of circumstance. It is, in this case, a high wind of circumstance, which has blown tempestuously over the State of Israel ever since it was launched. There, perhaps, the right allusion is hinted at, as the old, familiar image of the Ship of State rises up (a trifle battered), unoriginal but emphatic. It is a seaworthy vessel and its master knows his business; but the best ship with the best master in a high wind is apt to spring leaks when officers and crew spend their time sulking in cabin and fo'c'sle or pitching overboard the ballast essential to a steady keel.

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SO up on the bridge Mr. Rokach will stride alongside Mr. Ben Gurion and down below private and co-operative fingers will plug leaking holes until capital investment, coaxed by the happy scene, puts in new timbers and refits the whole ship. It is all very extraordinary and genuinely promising; and we who line the shores will watch eagerly the coming of the first cargoes.

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ALLUSIONS aside, the public of Israel will now shed much of the political unease that has irritated and disillusioned it during recent years. It will not, for the most part, ponder the whys and wherefore of the new alliance or subject it to any other test than the test of workability. Burdened with the major crisis of economic survival, it has lost patience with the unending petty crises due to a government coalition with a sound head but a tail like a lizard's, ready to drop off and go wriggling away on its own at the slightest provocation. The new coalition promises stability; and even if it should have its crises, most likely they will be crises of method only and not conflicts of purpose; for the purpose of each of the main parties to the alliance is less a matter of ideas than of economic solvency.

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WHERE ideas have come into the Mapai-General Zionist alliance they are modest enough. A rationalized national education system, divorced from political affiliations, and a liberalized public service, are excellent moves; and represent a step towards a sound national consciousness and away from the partisan consciousness of "trend" schools and a public service open to the criticism — partly if not wholly just — of being recruited, all other things probably being equal, on political party qualification. It would be unkind and perhaps unjust to say that agreement was reached on these scores because the General Zionists want a share of the spoils; and tactless to do so at the very moment when the two parties appear before us in blushing blood brotherhood. Politics, however, are what they are and no more; and a little cynicism may not be unhealthy at this moment of generous rejoicing.

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OBVIOUSLY, there will be some people sympathetic to Mapai, and some sympathetic to the General Zionists, who will shake their heads and fear a mesalliance. The agreed "concessions," and the electoral reform pact, may not be enough to reassure these people. But the public as a whole is not likely to be fussy if the prospect is stable government, fair division of opportunity between the private and the co-operative sectors and above all a quiet period of steady national development: more correctly, a quiet period of continuing and accelerating national development; for no one can say that the Government now in dissolution, and its predecessors, have not a very fine record indeed of national development.

Jerusalem, December 17.

France Asks NATO For Concrete Aid In Indo-China

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman made an impassioned plea to the Atlantic Pact Ministers Council today to support France in what he called "her solitude" in the war against the Vietminh in Indo-China, an official spokesman said.

He said: "The French Government desires that a clear-cut conclusion be drawn from the facts which have been submitted to the Council regarding Indo-China. It hopes that you will unanimously recognise that the fight which France is conducting there is a common major interest of the NATO nations and involves the need for taking the greatest account of France's efforts there and for helping her to the greatest possible extend."

The Council, after hearing both M. Schuman and M. Jean Letourneau, French Minister for the Indo-Chinese States, agreed to consider the French request at a Council meeting tomorrow.

Sympathise with Struggles

The official NATO spokesman said afterwards all other member countries expressed admiration for and sympathy with France in her struggles in a vitally important sector. But there was no indication of what their views would be on any concrete sharing of cost or help in other ways of the Indo-China war.

M. Schuman made it clear that the *French Government* was on this occasion officially asking NATO to share in a concrete way the burden of the war in Indo-China.

The two French Ministers told the Council that since 1945 France has lost 90,000 officers and men killed, wounded, missing and prisoners in the Indo-China campaign. The French expeditionary corps today consisted of 175,000 men, of whom about 50,000 were from France. In addition there were 3,000 French officers representing 26 per cent of France's officer corps. There were also 12,000 non-commissioned officers representing 37 per cent of France's N.C.O. strength.

The ministers also told the Council that for the past two years the U.S. had paid for a third of the annual cost of the war to France and had also furnished equipment for the Vietnamese. Forty per cent of the military charges in Indo-China were paid for by the Associated Indo-China States. The other 40 per cent was financed by France.

18 Moroccans Held In Casablanca Raids

CASABLANCA, Tuesday (Reuter). — About 400 police and troops today raided the Carrieres Centrales trouble centre here and detained 18 Moroccans. Police searched over 500 apartments and houses for nationalist ringleaders and arms.

Among the weapons found were a rifle, lead bullets, pellets of buckshot, bayonets, axes, truncheons, butcher knives and a large number of nationalist propaganda pamphlets.

Last week worst disturbances took place in the Carrieres Centrales shanty town on the outskirts of Casablanca.

A local court trying a batch of rioters today sentenced five men to six months' imprisonment, one to four months, 30 to three months and six to two months.

Brazil Tables Mild Morocco Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (Reuter).—Brazil today proposed that the U.N. Political Committee should call on France to continue negotiations with Morocco "so as to promote the free institutions of the Moroccan people."

On behalf of the group of Latin-American nations Brazil introduced a resolution expressing confidence that, in conformity with its declared policy, the French Government would endeavour to promote the fundamental freedoms of the Moroccan people in accordance with the Charter and the universal declaration of human rights.

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Red Cross Condemns Shooting at PoW's

GENEVA, Tuesday (Reuter). — The International Red Cross Committee has accused the U.N. Command in Korea of violating the 1949 Geneva convention by firing on Communist prisoners of war, it was announced here.

A Red Cross aide memoire to the U.S. Consul-General in Geneva dated May 1, 1952, which has now been published, said incidents occurred at the prison island of Koje in March and April when prisoners of war were killed and wounded by gunfire from the guards.

A letter from the Red Cross representative in Tokyo to General Mark Clark in May accused the U.N. of further infringements of the Geneva conventions through maltreatment of war prisoners.

The letter, written after a personal visit to a camp at Pusan, said food and water had been withheld from the prisoners in three hospital compounds and that concussion grenades were used against patients in another compound.

Replying to the Red Cross in a letter dated June 12, General Mark Clark said that fanatical Communist leaders were in control of the camp mentioned and had resisted every attempt to restore law and order.

The Red Cross were also aware, Gen. Clark said, that the camp authorities had been prevented from entering these compounds in accordance with their responsibilities, to ensure that medical and sanitation standards were maintained.

He emphasized that food and water and medical services were available. At no time were prisoners denied them. "We had reached the point at which open defiance could no longer be tolerated if we were properly to discharge our responsibilities to the prisoners of war we held," he said.

Eban Optimistic On M.E. Peace Talks

NEW YORK, Tuesday (AP). — Mr. Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the U.S., told a news conference today he has "great hopes" the U.N. call for Arab-Israel negotiations will bring about Palestine peace talks.

The resolution containing the call was on today's agenda for final Assembly action but may not reach a vote until tomorrow.

Mr. Eban said a "negotiated peace settlement is in the interest of both parties. The issue is not a pro-Israel or anti-Arab one, but the issue is whether or not a pacific settlement should be reached."

He said it is in the interest of both Israel and the Arab states to negotiate peace, and added that past experience has shown U.N. actions urging talks have had powerful effect. Mr. Eban also indicated Israel would drop its complaint against the Arab states if the Assembly endorsed the call for peace talks.

LEAGUE TO MEET

CAIRO, Tuesday. — The Arab League Political Committee, scheduled to meet in Cairo on December 28, will discuss the Palestine question and "the deplorable events taking place in Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria," it was officially announced today.

A communique issued after a one-hour conference of envoys in Cairo of Arab League states said the conferees discussed "important questions now concerning the Arab world."

The Syrian and Lebanese Governments protested yesterday against the British attitude towards the U.N. resolution on the Arab-Israel dispute. This followed Premier Nagib's protest to British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson in Cairo last night. (AP, Reuter)

CZECH COMMUNIST CONGRESS OPENS

LONDON, Tuesday (UP).—The congress of the Czechoslovak Communist Party opened in Prague today to adopt a new statute and find a way out of the chaos resulting from a two-year non-stop purge which culminated in the recent trial and indictment of 14 prominent party leaders.

The purges have removed all members of the Party secretariat except President Klement Gottwald, 13 members of 23 of the party Presidium and 38 of the 97 members of the Central Committee.

Purges have also decimated the rank and file of the Party and are believed to have reduced its membership by several hundred thousand.

Jewish Officials Face Probe in E. Germany

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Northwestern radio declared today that the East German Socialist Unity (Communist) Party had ordered a screening of Jewish officials.

Commissions are to check where and how these officials spent the years 1933 to 1945 and whether they had contacts with the Zionist movement, it said.

No official confirmation of the report was available.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Pakistan in the U.N. Security Council yesterday proposed a settlement of the Kashmir dispute virtually on India's own terms and challenged the Indians to show equal good faith so that an agreement could be signed immediately.

Pongam Camp Guards First Fired Shotguns

TOKYO, Tuesday (Reuter). — U.N. guards opened fire on "frenzied, hypnotised" prisoners in Pongam prison camp first with shotguns and rifles, then machineguns in Sunday's mutiny, the Camp Commandant disclosed today.

The orders were given to stop a mass breakout of 4,500 North Korean prisoners, of which he had advance warning.

The U.N. liaison officers at Panmunjom were today handed a Communist protest calling it a "barbarous massacre" and giving the figures as 84 killed and 127 wounded. (The U.N. Command today confirmed the total of dead as 84).

Camp Commandant Lt.-Colonel George Miller, told correspondents the prisoners had such territorial advantages for their rising on Sunday that it would have been "suicide" to send American and South Korean guards in among them to break up the demonstration with rifle butts and batons. "I had only 300 troops on the Island and could not have stopped 4,500 of them," he said.

Lie on Ground

After the shooting prisoners lay on the ground with arms interlocked and had to be pulled apart.

He said he had advance information from inside the prison compounds and from notes he received that the prisoners intended a concerted uprising. When they began singing Communist songs on Sunday he sent two South Korean platoons and one U.S. platoon to the enclosure and went himself to supervise.

"As I arrived other compounds took up the songs," he said. "An order to them to stop was shouted in but instead of stopping the prisoners locked arms and started swaying in their fanatical Communist manner. They were in a state of frenzy. The noise was tremendous. Their eyes were glazed, they were so hypnotised."

By this time prisoners in other compounds had assembled and "were all in frenzy," Colonel Miller said. He ordered his men to fire their shotguns into the crowd in one compound but this had no effect.

"I then ordered the men to fire one round of their carbines and rifles. The volley dropped some of the first rank but most of these climbed up again. Those who were unable to get up were supported by their fellows and singing continued" he said.

General Nam Il, chief Communist truce delegate in Korea, has protested strongly to the Americans against "their latest atrocities on Koje Island," Peking's New China News Agency said last night. The agency said "the protest followed the killing of one and injuring of six prisoners on December 10 and 11 on Koje Island."

Lattimore Indicted On Perjury Counts

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — The Federal Grand Jury today indicted Professor Owen Lattimore, Far East expert, on seven counts of perjury while testifying before a Senate Internal Security subcommittee last winter.

Among other things the indictment charged the John Hopkins University Professor of lying when he denied he had ever been a promoter of Communists and Communist interests.

U.S. Consul Suspended As 'Loyalty' Doubted

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The State Department yesterday suspended Mr. John Carter Vincent, U.S. Minister at Tangier, Morocco, after a Government Loyalty Review Board reported "there is reasonable doubt as to his loyalty."

The Department at the same time announced that the Board had found "no reasonable doubt about the loyalty" of Mr. John Paton Davies, Deputy Director of Political Affairs in the office of the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany at Bonn.

The names of both Mr. Vincent and Mr. Davies had figured in heated inquiries into charges of Communist infiltration in the Government.

U.S. Electoral College Confirms Ike President

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — General Dwight Eisenhower was chosen 34th President of the U.S. by the Electoral College yesterday. This confirmed the election results of November 4 when a record 33,-927,549 votes were cast for the Republican candidate.

But Gen. Eisenhower's election will not be official until January 6, when Congress meets in joint session for the Electoral College vote to be counted by the President of the Senate.

Mountbatten Gets Command Post In Mediterranean

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — Prime Minister Winston Churchill proudly announced in the Commons today that Britain had wangled the Allied Command in the Mediterranean. He said it was "very remarkable" that Britain's Admiral Earl Mountbatten had been appointed to the post despite the presence in the Mediterranean of a powerful American fleet.

General Matthew Ridgway, Supreme European Commander, told NATO Ministers in Paris today that Admiral Mountbatten will be Allied Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean, responsible for maintaining air and sea communications.

Earl Mountbatten

Mr. Churchill spoke with vigour reminiscent of his famed war-time speeches. Members of the House cheered loudly.

Former Defence Minister Emmanuel Shinwell said that two years ago Mr. Churchill favoured an American Admiral in control of the Mediterranean. "Will he say why he has changed his mind on this subject?" he asked.

The Premier replied that at the time he wanted a Briton to get the Supreme Command in the Atlantic and he thought that it was "a pity" that the former Labourite Government agreed to an American Admiral instead. He indicated that this changed his mind and he sought the Mediterranean Command for Britain as next best.

"Meanwhile," said Mr. Churchill, "the U.S. has, I am delighted to say, sent a powerful fleet into the Mediterranean."

Father Charged With Illegal Detention

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Mr. Yehiel Fraenkel, 67, who had held his daughter, Bluma, in his home for 18 years in a tiny dirty attic room was detained by Ramat Gan police today on a charge of illegal imprisonment. The 45-year-old woman, who was found by police yesterday, was committed to the Bat Yam mental home.

Mr. Fraenkel, who lives in Rehov Sokolov in Bnei Brak, reportedly told police today that he had applied repeatedly for care for his mentally ill daughter from the British authorities, but received no satisfaction. He had also, he said, applied to private mental homes here, but they refused to take his daughter because they said she caused too much trouble.

Mr. Fraenkel came to Israel from Poland 39 years ago, and was a member of Kibbutz Yavniel for a time. He then grew tobacco in Galilee and settled in Bnei Brak in 1930. Thereafter he had built a cement block and lime factory. He owns two houses in Bnei Brak and has property elsewhere.

The information about his daughter reached the police through his 42-year-old daughter, Lea, a divorcee with two children who had recently become a social case and was being helped by Tel Aviv's Social Welfare Department.

Fraenkel is a quiet, reserved person, soft-spoken and polite. He said he did his best for his daughter, and in all the years he held her, he fed her and occasionally cleaned her cell.

Max Nurock Is New Envoy to Australia

Mr. Mordecai (Max) Nurock has been appointed Minister to Australia. He succeeds Mr. J. Linton, who has been transferred to Tokyo, it was announced last night.

Mr. Nurock was born in 1893 in Dublin, Ireland, and received his higher education in various universities in that country. During the years 1915-1919 he served as an officer in the British Army, after which he became secretary of the Zionist Committee in Jerusalem for a year.

During the Mandate he served for a time as Assistant Secretary in the Palestine Government, and later served as Assistant Chief Secretary of Uganda. After the setting up of the State, he used the experience he gained in this capacity by acting as adviser to the Government on questions of organization and personnel. During the last two years he served as financial secretary of the Hebrew University.

KUBOVY LEAVES FOR VIENNA, ZURICH

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Dr. A. Kubovy, Israel Minister to Czechoslovakia and Poland, left by T.W.A. for a short visit to Zurich and Vienna today on "personal and non-political business."

Dr. Kubovy told correspondents he was impressed by the maturity shown by the public here during the Prague trial. "Public opinion seems to have evaluated the lessons of the trial correctly," he said.

Mapai and General Zionists To Sign Pact This Afternoon

Cabinet Expected To Resign Tomorrow

An extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet is to be held tomorrow in Jerusalem. A formal decision on the Cabinet's resignation is expected to be taken.

It is understood that shortly after the Cabinet meeting, Mr. Ben Gurion will hand in the resignation of the Cabinet to President Ben-Zvi.

It is believed that the formal consultations of the President with the representatives of the political parties, preceding the appointment of a new Premier-designate, will start on Friday and that Mr. Ben Gurion will present his new Cabinet to the Knesset on Monday.

Haim Levanon May Be Next Tel Aviv Mayor

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Tel Aviv Municipal Council will have a strong coalition when the General Zionists and Mapai form a coalition which will command at least 17 of the 31 council votes.

Negotiations are expected to take place next week when the Party Committee, provided for in the agreement between the two main parties forming the new Government, has time to devote itself to Municipal politics. By then the attitude of the Progressive and Hapoel Hamizrahi parties, which have one member each on the Council, will be known.

Deputy Mayor Haim Levanon, General Zionist, is expected to become Mayor of Tel Aviv. Mr. Rokach's position as Minister of the Interior would obviously not enable him to continue as Mayor. Mr. Rokach is understood to be very reluctant to resign after 30 years of constant occupation with Tel Aviv. It is as yet unclear who will become Deputy Mayor, though well-informed quarters report tonight that Mr. Avraham Kamini, and Mr. Eliezer Peri, both Histadrut Councillors, are the only possibilities.

Mr. Kamini is Chairman of the Israel Committee of the J.N.F., while Mr. Peri is the Director-General of Kupat Holim, and was Deputy Mayor in the previous Council. They both have been the severest critics of the General Zionist management of the Municipal affairs for years.

ABUL HUDA ASKS FOR INQUIRY

JERUSALEM (Old City), Tuesday (AP). — Premier Tewfik Abul Huda sent a memorandum to the U.N. Secretariat demanding the setting up of a special consular commission to search for unauthorized arms hidden by Israel "police guards," reliable sources said today.

IL.4m. Counterpart Funds Freed

The release of IL.4m. of counterpart funds for use on authorized development projects during the month of December was announced yesterday by Mr. Bruce McDaniel, U.S. Technical Cooperation Administration Director in Israel.

The funds, released in agreement with the Government, authorize the execution of projects in the fields of public health, housing, transportation, agriculture and social welfare. Included in the release is the sum of IL.1.5m. for immigrant housing projects.

Grant-in-Aid of approximately $63,500m. during the 1952 fiscal year has generated approximately IL.32m. in counterpart funds. The release of IL.4m. is the second release of these counterpart funds. The first was for IL.4,460,220, making a total of IL.8,466,220 which have been released up to this time.

Here is a partial list of the authorized projects included in the December release —

For public health: IL.33,000, including the erection of kitchens at hospitals in Upper [illegible], [illegible] and Be'er Yaacov, improvements at the [illegible] hospital in Nazareth and at the [illegible] Hospital in Jaffa.

For permanent housing and [illegible]: IL.[illegible]; for transportation: IL.170,000, including improvements at the main quays in Haifa port, and IL.120,000 in connection with the new railroad being built from Tel Aviv to Hadera; for social welfare: IL.13,000, for financing social welfare establishments at Ein Vered and Haifa.

Projects for irrigation extension, soil conservation, cattle and sheep-raising, construction of farm buildings, schools, and fishing harbours are included.

2 Parties Control 73 Knesset Seats

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Mapai-General Zionist agreement for a new Government coalition will be signed here at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. In addition to the clauses providing for reforms of the election laws, the relaxation of economic controls, the unification of school systems under Government control and income tax relief — all of which will be included in a new programme to be announced to the Knesset by the Prime Minister on Monday — the agreement includes secret provisions. The draft agreement was approved by the General Zionist Executive Council by a vote of 68 to 13 with nine abstentions at 4.15 this morning, four hours after it was passed by the Mapai Central Committee.

The two parties which control 73 out of the 120 votes in the Knesset will now jointly negotiate with Hapoel Hamizrahi and the Progressives who could assure the Government another 12 votes and give it the broadest basis of any coalition since the Provisional Government of 1948. The General Zionist Executive Committee will meet tomorrow to decide upon the distribution of their Portfolios.

Peretz Bernstein

Mr. Peretz Bernstein is slated for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, a post he held in the Provisional Government; Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv will be Minister of Interior and Mr. Yoseph Saphir, former Mayor of Petah Tikvah, who is now touring the U.S. for the Zionist Organization of America, will be Minister of Communications. Four persons who have been mentioned for the Health Ministry are Dr. Ben-Zion Harell, Mrs. Shoshana Persitz, Mr. Haim Ariav and Mr. Yosef Serlin.

Israel Rokach

A reshuffle in the Mapai representation in the Cabinet will also be necessary, since Dr. Dov Joseph is surrendering his Commerce and Industry Portfolio to the General Zionists. Dr. Peretz Naphtali, Minister of Agriculture, may retire from the Government. The decision with regard to the reshuffle within Mapai rests mainly with Mr. Ben Gurion who has not yet announced his intentions. It is possible, however, that his proposals will be brought to the Mapai Political Committee for approval.

With regard to the Deputy-Ministers, inter-party agreement was reached, but details are contained in the secret provisions.

It is also learned that the two parties agreed to cooperate in Municipal and local as well as national politics.

A committee will be formed to work out details. Mapai and the General Zionists together can control the Councils of practically all the Municipal and local authorities, but the administrations in most towns are either left-wing coalitions built around Mapai as in Haifa, or right-wing coalitions built around the General Zionists as in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. New coalition administrations will be formed in all these places.

Yosef Saphir

Hapoel Hamizrahi will meet in Tel Aviv at 10.30 tomorrow morning to vote on the question of remaining in the Government, but Party leaders said they would probably stay out this time because of the provision to introduce State-controlled education and because the Party was being deprived of its most important Cabinet posts.

Stumbling Block

The Progressives will meet on Thursday, and the stumbling block with regard to their entrance into the Coalition is the proposal that parties polling less than 10 per cent of the votes in the Knesset elections should not qualify for Knesset seats.

Observers here believe that Mr. Ben Gurion could have had a coalition with the General Zionists on these terms a year ago, but that a majority of Mapai opposed the principle of a coalition with the right-of-centre party. It was recalled that the direct cause of the breakdown in the negotiations was the dispute over the Commerce and Industry portfolio, Mapai proposed splitting the Ministry and giving the General Zionists only Industry while the General Zionists held out for the whole portfolio.

The question being asked here today was — What had influenced the reversal of Mapai's attitude? Some Mapai members who had voted against agreement with the General Zionists last year but supported the agreement this week, said that their switch had been motivated by a desire to achieve political stability at a time when the economic situation was worsening.

Aguda Defection

Since Agudat Yisrael and Poalei Agudat Yisrael broke with the coalition in September on the issue of National Service for religious women, the Government has controlled only 60 of the 120 votes in the house. Poalei Agudat Yisrael informed Mr. Ben Gurion that they would return to the coalition and restore its parliamentary majority, but a few days later they said they were prevented from doing so by a decision of the Council of Talmudic Sages.

The Progressives spent two months weighing an invitation to rejoin the Government. Hapoel Hamizrahi, who remained in the coalition, sought to exploit the instability and asked for a third Cabinet seat. This situation taxed Mr. Ben Gurion's patience and is believed to have spurred him on to seek a broader and more stable coalition.

This aspect is also believed to be behind the decision to enforce the consolidation of political parties by affording Knesset representation only to lists polling at least ten per cent of the votes. Some Mapai members said the prospect of implementing this proposed reform had been a key factor in motivating their support for a coalition with the General Zionists.

There was also a view that Mapai had been deterred last year by the fear that Mapam would capitalise on the shift to the Right, but that there was less concern over Mapam now since the party had been discredited by the Prague trial.

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THE JERUSALEM POST

Dear Reader,

Since last March, when the price of the daily newspapers was fixed at 70 Pruta, the cost-of-living allowances paid to each employee have risen by IL.5½ per month. All other production costs of newspapers have soared beyond the point where the publishers can meet their expenses without raising the price of the daily copy.

It is with great regret therefore that we are compelled to announce that as from January 1 the price of THE POST will be raised to 80 Pruta on weekdays and 120 Pruta on Fridays. This small rise will barely cover the latest cost-of-living allowance increase, which is going into force this month.

We are confident that our readers will understand our position and will accept this increase, to which unfortunately there is no alternative.

Sincerely,
The Manager
THE JERUSALEM POST

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Good to the last drop

Social & Personal

Among those who called on President Ben-Zvi yesterday included Mr. [illegible], Chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jewish National Fund, and Mrs. Granott. The President received delegations representing the Association of [illegible] Members, the Samaritan community in Jaffa, the Israel Karaite community, and the village of the blind, Neve Ya'acov.

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The Minister of Commerce and Industry and Mrs. Joseph were At Home last night in Jerusalem for senior officers of the Ministry and their wives.

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The President of the Supreme Court, Dr. Moshe Smoira, was married to Shoshana Fisch at a quiet ceremony in Jerusalem yesterday. Rabbi Simha Assaf, Supreme Court Justice, officiated.

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Ambassador Eliahu Elath gave a luncheon party on Friday at the Israel Embassy in London for Prof. S. Sambursky, Director of the Research Council. Among those present were Viscount Samuel, Prof. G. S. Wilson, Dr. E. C. Bullard, Dr. N. Redcliffe-Salaman, Prof. S. Zuckerman, Dr. A. Felix, Mr. Arthur Blok, Mr. C.D. Henriques, and Dr. J.B.S. Braverman.

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Rav-Aluf Mordecai Makleff attended a farewell luncheon given by the Editors' Association in Israel in honour of the former Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Yigael Yadin. At the luncheon which took place at the Press Club in Rothschild Boulevard yesterday, Mr. D. Zakai, chairman of the Editors' Committee thanked Rav-Aluf Yadin for his cooperation with the press.

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Mrs. Etta Rosensohn, President of Hadassah, and Mr. David Stern, of the Jewish Agency in New York, left on their way back to the U.S. by Air France yesterday.

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Mr. A. Harman, Director of Israel Information Services in New York, Dr. Ya'acov Freud, deputy president of B'nai B'rith in Israel, and Mr. Julian Edelstein, legislative assistant to Senator Herbert Lehman, left for the U.S. by T.W.A. yesterday.

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Mr. Shimon Peres, Acting Director General of the Ministry of Defence, returned by Air France from a short trip to Europe on Ministry business yesterday.

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Dr. Shlomo Peled, formerly manager of the El Al office in New York, has been appointed Director of Civil Aviation in the Ministry of Communications.

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Mr. Joseph Laufer, Director of the Harvard Law School research project for Israel Law, returned to the U.S. by air yesterday.

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Mr. David Barzilai, of the Hebrew University Medical School, has been awarded the 1952 Hannah Ben-Arie Memorial Scholarship in Internal Medicine, which was set up in 1950 by Mr. M. Ben-Arie in memory of his late wife. The award will be made at 7.30 p.m. today at the Medical School.

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A group of 25 teachers from South Africa has arrived in this country to participate in a three-week seminar arranged by the Department for Education and Culture in the Diaspora of the World Zionist Organization.

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Dr. G. A. Tarello, Director of the Organization Department of the Keren Hayesod, has returned to this country from a mission for the United Israel Campaign in Colombia and Portugal.

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Mr. I. R. Kindoff, director of the Finance Ministry's Fuel Department is to address the Haifa Rotary Club today.

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As the Charter of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem was received on December 11, 1929, Charter Day will be observed by the Jerusalem Rotary at 1.15 p.m. today at the King David Hotel. Former President Dr. Yehia George will speak on "Club History Highlights."

Inventory of Country's Natural Resources Now Almost Ready

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The first inventory of the wealth hidden in this country's soil will be ready in two months following three years of research, Mr. O. Gil, head of the Soil Erosion Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, told the Symposium on the Protection of Flora, Fauna and Antiquities held here yesterday.

The meeting was arranged by the Prime Minister's Scientific Research Council.

Mr. Gil said that at present no one knew what Israel soil could produce. Vague information was available for about half of the area of the country. Erosion ate away thousands of dunams of good soil, a process which could be arrested, he said. The Ministry was now engaged in constructing terraces to stop erosion in the Sdeh Boker area in the Negev. These were built on top of terraces constructed 2,000 years ago and no modern engineer could improve on their perfection. It was found, he added, that primitive methods of working by hand on the terraces were as good and often superior to work by bulldozers.

The Symposium voiced its objection to the "destruction of Israel's natural beauty, its wildlife, ancient forests, and antiquities. This destruction has been going on without interruption since the establishment of the State," it was said.

Professor M. Zahary, of the Hebrew University, said that Israel was unique as a meeting place of African, Asiatic and European flora but that the best of it was disappearing. Valuable trees were to be found almost exclusively around old Moslem graves, he said, adding that oaks and pines, on the slopes of the Carmel range for instance, were not being preserved. On the subject of flowers Dr. Naomi Feinbrun, of the Hebrew University, said that Israel had some rare and fine species of irises and tulips.

Dr. H. Mendelsohn, of the Tel Aviv Biological Institute, pointed out that the fauna of this country had degenerated more than anywhere else in the world, a fact to which the Bible stood as witness with all the [illegible] animals mentioned there. He thought that hunting laws were disregarded here and that no attempt was made to create reserves for game and for observation.

He said with regret that the magnificent corals on the bottom of the Elath Bay were steadily being "shaved off." It would take decades before such treasures could be replenished, he added.

Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk asserted that archaeological finds in Israel indicated the existence of communities where desert now existed. He attributed this to destruction over centuries, a situation which was within the power of the state to check.

Speaking on antiquities, Dr. S. Yeivin regretted the lack of funds for the preservation of the treasures which were to be found in the country.

The Minister of Education, Professor Ben Zion Dinaburg, supported the aims of the Symposium and said that his Ministry would do its utmost to foster them.

Other lectures were delivered by Mr. H. Landau, of the Scientific Council; Mr. Y. Weitz, of the J.N.F.; Professors A. Zahavi and A. Brutzkus, of the Planning Council, and Mr. Ya'akov Hoofien.

Professors N. Mazar, A. Theodor and J. Reichart presided.

Peat for Fuel Seen To Be Practical

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The use of Huleh peat as fuel to produce electricity will soon enter the stage of practical experiment following a report submitted to the Prime Minister's Office by Mr. Syboltz, a Dutch expert, it has been learned in Jerusalem. Mr. Syboltz, a U.N. Technical Assistance Programme expert, first studied the possibilities of exploiting Huleh peat in 1947.

If his calculations are correct and his proposals effected, ten digging and processing units, each costing about $10,000, will provide sufficient fuel to power a 10,000-kilowatt station for 40 years with a resulting output of 50 million kilowatts annually.

Mr. Syboltz's report states that the upper Huleh peat layer is four to five metres deep and extends over an area of about 12,000 dunams. Since the ash content of this peat is very high, experiments are being carried out to establish the extent to which this residue can serve as a source of chemicals. The lower peat layers are of inferior quality, it is said.

Test Abroad

The Government has decided to ship 30 to 40 tons of peat to a peat power station in Holland or Ireland to determine its practical heating qualities. This test is to be carried out with the aid of the U.S. Technical Cooperation programme.

If the tests are successful, steps are to be taken to implement proposals to exploit the peat. Large-scale exploitation, however, will be possible only after the Huleh is drained and this will take at least two years.

Another by-product of the swamp, a layer of what was once papyrus plants which covers the peat, may serve as a raw material to make cellulose.

Since the Israel Mining Corporation has stopped experimenting with Huleh peat, the Research Council, together with the Development Department of the Finance Ministry and the Science Department of the Prime Minister's Office, have been asked to continue the tests.

Although the Government is mainly interested in using peat as fuel, successful experiments have also been made in using peat as a soil conditioner, mainly to improve the water storing capacity of sandy soils.

FEWER JOBLESS IN TIBERIAS

TIBERIAS, Tuesday.—A notable decline in unemployment was felt here and in the nearby Zemah ma'bara when the settlements in the Jordan Valley announced that they would hire 200 extra workers on agricultural development schemes throughout the winter.

The Lower Galilee District Council will also employ 80 Tiberias workers on preparing farm land. There were 200 unemployed registered here during the last two months.

AVRAHAM WEISS, 25, of Bet Dagon, was seriously injured when an Army tender collided with his motorcycle in Rehov Barzilai, Tel Aviv, yesterday. He was taken to Sarafand Hospital in a critical condition. The driver was detained.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM 487 M.; HAIFA 249 M. (TEL AVIV 43.6, 31.2 & 488 M.)

NEWS: Hebrew: 7, 7.00 p.m., 12.00, 1.30, 4.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News) 2 p.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 [illegible]. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Requests (R). 11.40 Music (R). 12.02 Programme for Hospitals (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Concerto for Orchestra (Bartok); Suite from Pelleas and Melisande (Debussy). 1.40 Music for Music. 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety. 4.30 Tea Time Music. 5.00 Hanukka Songs. 5.30 The International Chess Competition in Helsinki. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Lighting of Hanukka Candles. 7.07 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Talk. 7.30 Cultural Request Programme. 7.55 What's New in Science. 8.00 Hanukka Programme. 8.30 Bible Reading. 8.45 Talk. 9.00 Twenty Questions. 9.30 Musical Quiz. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

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English News 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French 2.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. "Music of Our Time" (R). 4.45 Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.30 Second Temple Period Literature. 5.50 Science Studio. 6.00 Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (25.5 M.): 11.25 p.m. Lighting of Hanukka Candles. Newsreel. 11.30 Zionist Review. 11.45 "Judas Maccabeus" (Handel).

ARMY PROGRAMME: (60.8, 356, 220 & 227 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Lighting of Hanukka Candles. 6.45 Vocal Recital. 7.00 Requests (R). 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Interview. 8.00 Gdud Zahal Band. 8.30 News. 8.45 Tomorrow's "Bamahaneh." 9.10 Folk Dances. 9.30 "Twenty Questions." 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme 6-6.30 p.m. (71, 16, 19 & 25 M.): World of Science & Medicine.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.92 & 30.53 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News. News Talk. Listeners' Forum.

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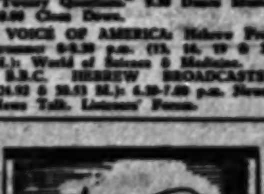

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AT THE CINEMA

"KANGAROO" (Amphitheatre, Haifa) has an original setting—Australia 80-years ago. A pair of murderers arrive at a lonely station, intent on obtaining possession of a farm by one of them impersonating the owner's lost son. True love appears for the impostor (Peter Lawford) and the daughter of the house (Maureen O'Hara). He confesses. The criminal pair flee with the police at their heels. One is killed but the second, now turned hero, enlarges his halo by saving a constable's life and the film closes on a prophecy that this point will count at the trial. The film, actually made in Australia, does not hang together. Its over simplified action jerks along. The depiction of the drought, the round up of the cattle for the last available water, and the flight of the animals from the bush fire, make the film worth seeing. Only in these scenes of pitiless sun, sand, dust, dead and dying animals and dry wood does Lewis Milestone, the director, reach his customary level. *H.*

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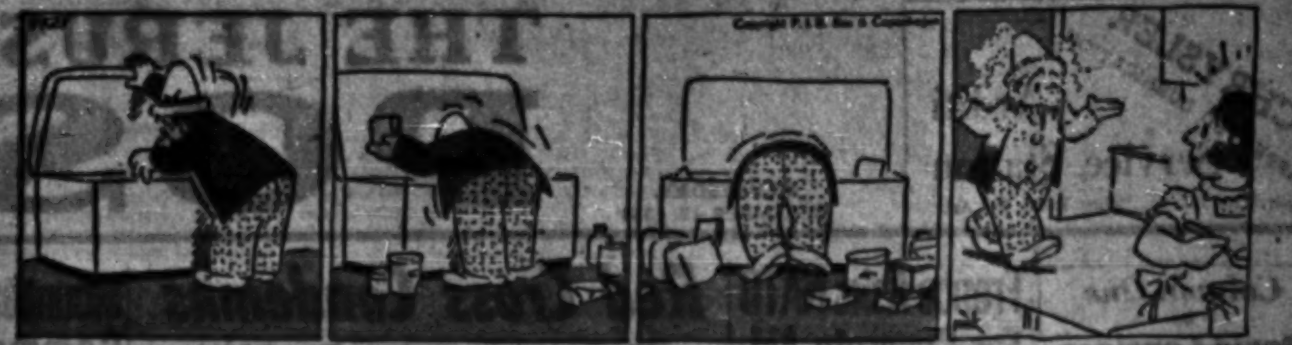

REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

The New Mapai-General Zionist Coalition: Pro and Con

The last minute party deliberations about a Mapai-General Zionist coalition was the main topic in the news columns of the morning press. The papers reported the majority decision in favour of a coalition when the vote was taken in the Mapai central committee after midnight while the General Zionists disregarded the morning papers' deadline and their decision was reported only in yesterday's afternoon papers.

The "Ha'aretz" (Independent) economic correspondent said that the control of foreign currency will not be abolished as the General Zionists have compromised on that issue.

"Haboker" (Gen. Zionist) polemised against "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) which had declared the day before that the General Zionists would oppress and exploit the workers. "Haboker" said that this was really displaying a large measure of impertinence in view of the exploitation of the workers by the bureaucracy behind the Iron Curtain and his dependence upon the employer which is incomparably stronger than under capitalist regimes. It is even less comprehensible in view of the recent Prague trial which shows how much the citizens (including the workers) have become enslaved in that regime.

Extremes' Similar Attitude

There were two editorials against the new coalition, by "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) and "Herut" which once again took a similar attitude: the Communist paper called the people of Israel to rally against the "anti-people's front of Bernstein-Ben Gurion" and "Herut" wrote in a similar vein that the day of judgment was approaching and that on that day not only Mapai but also its satellites would be condemned by the people.

"Hatzofe" (Hapoel Hamizrahi) said in its headline that "religious education and Rabbinical courts are the conditions put by Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi for their participation in the coalition." Editorially the paper said that it was in favour of a broad coalition but it opposed the new plans for electoral reform as well as the idea of losing a portfolio. Mapai will have to make up its mind as to whether betraying the religious parties and thus compelling them to join the opposition, is not worse than having the General Zionists in opposition.

"Omer" (Histadrut) reports that new immigrants have prevailed over those who wished to incite them, the sharks of the black markets, the Communist and "Herut" agitators who headed the propaganda against the transfer of the new immigrants from ma'barot such as Bet Lid to new houses in Kfar Yona. The paper says that the new settlers have been given every possible help at their new homes and their absorption has been successful, and all attempts to sabotage have been successfully prevented.

Complains About C.o.L.

"Al Hamishmar" complains about the C.o.L. index: the paper says that C.o.L. has increased (especially during the month of November) by much more than the IL.6 to be paid, but even this rise has been criticised by the bourgeois press. "Al Hamishmar" says that the index rose from 165 in August to 169 in September and 173 in October and 175 in November, but pay was increased only in December and the loss in real wages had to be suffered by the wage earner. The paper demands that the increase in pay should be co-ordinated with the index every month.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) deals with the draft proposals for settling labour disputes which has been prepared by the Ministry of Labour, and notes that more than once workers and employees have made deals to prevent state interference; it assumes that a similar agreement has been reached on this occasion. "Hamodia" (Agudat Israel) continues the internal polemic against another Aguda mouthpiece, "Shearim." The matters dealt with are too intricate for the uninitiated, such as the present writer, and, presumably, most readers of *The POST*.

FOR INDEPENDENTLY changing his name from Ezra to Yedid in his identity card last June, David Ezra (Yedid), 34, of Nathanya, was fined IL.10 with the alternative of five days' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday and bound over in IL.200 bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

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TEL AVIV: Dr. M. [illegible], 1 [illegible], 1942. Dr. G. [illegible], 186 Ben Yehuda, 44068. Dr. E. [illegible], 36 Kikar Rash, 44057.

Hapoel Basketball League Games

In a Hapoel Basketball League game at Kfar Giladi on Saturday, Mayan Baruch Hapoel gained a narrow 34-30 points win over Misra Hapoel. The halftime score was 20-20 in favour of Mayan Baruch.

There were surprise results in League games held last week.

In the Jezreel Valley, Misra Hapoel beat Tel Aviv Hapoel, 36-34 (20-13 halftime), and at Geva, the home Hapoel setup downed Haifa Hapoel, 36-35.

Hadera Hapoel teams chalked up some wins in friendly encounters. At home their senior team defeated Gedna, 34-30, after holding a narrow 13-12 lead halfway, while their youth team won against Gan Shmuel Hapoel, 34-20. In two boys' games at Gan Shmuel, Pardess Hannah Hapoel beat the host Hapoel team, 13-5, but went down to Hadera Hapoel, 8-4.

Kiriat Amal Hapoel staged two games against visiting youth and girls' teams from Kiriat Motzkin Maccabi. The Hapoel youths won 56-45, but the Maccabi lasses more than evened the score with a smashing 77-3 victory over their hosts. At Shefayim the local Hapoel club downed Herzlia Hapoel in two games. The home youth swamped their visitors by 72 points to 22, and the local boys team beat the lads from Herzlia, 20-12.

P.T. DEPT. COURSES

Regular weekly courses organized by the Physical Training Department, are being run in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv as part of the campaign to promote mass physical development and fitness under qualified trainers and in proper conditions. They also form part of the Department's "Sports Emblem" programme, whereby athletes may obtain the Emblem after having completed a sports course and attained a certain standard.

Courses in physical training and gymnastics are held as follows:

In Jerusalem, on the Y.M.C.A. grounds, under Kalman Revak, every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

In Tel Aviv, on the Stadium ground, under Zvi Grossman, every Sunday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

There is no restriction on the age or sex of participants, and one of the aims of the programme is to persuade more elderly persons to improve and maintain their state of physical fitness by taking part. Both the coaches are available for [illegible], training and consultation, and interested persons are invited to discuss their sports problems with the coach in their area.

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Petah Tikva Maccabi To Tour Turkey

Arrangements have been reached for Petah Tikva Maccabi to send a soccer team to play Turkish teams in Istanbul and Ankara in the near future. The club has decided to include Maccabi players from other branches in their set-up and the "possibles" are now undergoing training and preparations.

Harei Naftalie Hapoel Gains Tabor Team Prize

Harei Naftalie Hapoel gained the team prize in the Mt. Tabor race last Saturday (as briefly reported Sunday) by placing three men in the first 12 places. Uzi Cohen came 17th, Hannan Svaranski, 11th, and Eliyahu Kumi, 12th. The club gained the trophy presented by the Histadrut. The Hebrew University came second in the team placing.

The first three men home were: Israel Asulin, Afula Hapoel, 24 mins. 27.4 secs; Yosef Salma, Haifa Maccabi, 24:28.4; Zundel Zadak, Gan Shmuel Hapoel, 25:28.5.

Manuela Bologna (Italy) won the Dolomites International women's singles tennis title when she beat Joy Mottram (Gt. Britain), 6/4, 6/3. Eric Sturgess (S. Africa) and Tony Mottram (G.B.) took the men's doubles beating Irv Dorfman (U.S.) and D. Mitich (Yugoslav exile), 6/1, 6/2, 6/1. The two Mottrams gained the mixed doubles title by defeating Erica Vollmer (Germany) and Mitich 6/2, 6/2.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

9-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Romema. Bus 11. Feeding time 3-5 p.m.
8.30-12.30, 2-6: American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamillah Road. Entrance Free.
9-1, 2-5: Exhibition: Bezalel Loan. New Acquisitions. Victor Hugo, Designs on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth. Contemporary French Works of Art, generously donated by artists and art-lovers of France, and other recent acquisitions and gifts. Exhibit of the Month: Laboratory of an Alchemist, oil painting 1650 by David Ryckaert 1612-1661. New acquisition of the National Museum. Bezalel.
10-1, 4-6: Exhibition: UNESCO's Human Rights. Artists' House.
9-6: Archaeological Exhibition. Dept. of Antiquities. Also Temporary exhibition — Recent acquisitions. 23 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-5: Sanhedria Tombs.
11.30-12.30 Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

10-6: National Exhibition over 200 pictures from all over the country [illegible]. Museum.
9-1, 4-7: Jacob Pins. Woodcuts and Drawings. Era Baruch Art Shop. 12 Rehov Ben Yehuda.
8 p.m.: "The Women Have Their Way." Chamber Theatre. Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

4-7 p.m.: Exhibition of Paintings by Cafe-Stella. Artists' House, 22 Rehov UNO (opp. Carmelia Court).

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FORECAST: [illegible] conditions with [illegible] winds.

°A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. expected today.

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[illegible] TONS of frozen halibut fillet are due in Haifa in the s.s. [illegible] next week.

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EIGHT GIRLS, aged 18-20 have successfully completed a one year nursing course, sponsored by the Hadassah Nurses' School in Beersheba.

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FOR SERVING meat without coupons in the "[illegible]" restaurant in Jaffa last March, Leon Levy, Shalom Cori and Shmuel Alkalai, partners of the restaurant, were given prison-sentences ranging from two weeks to two months, and fined from IL.25 to IL.30 each by the Tel Aviv Anti-Profiteering Court yesterday. Sentences were imposed in absentia.

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TWO HUNDRED and thirty drivers were found guilty of traffic offences by the Tel Aviv traffic Court yesterday.

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THE QUARTERLY agreement on cost-of-living allowances between the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association is expected to be signed today.

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A HANUKKA FILM show for [illegible] elderly people will be held by the Haifa Rotary Club in the Orly cinema on Thursday afternoon. Car-owning club members will fetch the infirm and will take them home.

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FOR ASSAULTING Salim [illegible], an Arab resident of Ramle, and causing him bodily injury, Abdulla [illegible], [illegible], a [illegible] immigrant, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by the Ramla Magistrate yesterday.

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VALUABLES and household goods valued at IL.[illegible] were stolen from Shmuel Lichtenstein's flat in Rehov Rav Kook, Ramat Gan, on Monday night.

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FOR STEALING IL.[illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] while on an Egged bus to Bat Yam last October, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], of the Holon ma'abara, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

DEAD OF INJURIES

HAIFA, Tuesday. — David Moshe, who was seriously injured in a traffic accident near Athlit yesterday evening, died in Rambam Hospital here during the night.

40,000 Cases of Citrus Being Loaded for Odessa

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The first shipment of citrus fruit this season to Russia—40,000 cases—is to leave for Odessa in the s.s. Hadar on Sunday.

Citrus exports are to be resumed tomorrow, when 70,000 cases are to be loaded in the s.s. Nordanland for Finland and Sweden. The s.s. Nakhshon will take 11,000 cases to Yugoslavia next week. The Port Authority has allocated another 2,000 sq.m. for citrus export purposes to alleviate the shortage of space felt in previous years.

Up to the beginning of this week, a total of 103,[illegible] cases of Shamuti oranges and [illegible] cases of grapefruit have been exported this season. The leading customer is England which has taken 157,427 cases of Shamuti and 43,072 cases of grapefruit. Other importers were Poland, which bought 23,284 cases of Shamuti and 1,200 of grapefruit, Switzerland, 10,500 cases of grapefruit, Austria, 10,000 cases of oranges, Norway, Belgium, Finland and Denmark, with 10,000, 7,000, 6,000 and 3000 cases of grapefruit respectively, Yugoslavia, 2,500 cases of oranges, and Sweden, 1,500 cases of oranges.

Honey Derationed; Bees Face Bitter Future

The Ministry of Commerce has taken honey off ration and has stopped allocating sugar to apiarists.

It was explained that apiarists received 230 tons of sugar annually. Honey output, however, did not justify the allocation, since it amounted to only 250 tons this year. Last year it was 225 tons and two years ago 400 tons.

These amounts were not sufficient to provide an annual 200-gram ration of honey. In addition, honey cost ten times as much as sugar at official rates. It was pointed out that the stopping of sugar allocations would not affect bee-keepers this winter since they have already received an initial allocation of 115 tons.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV: Live carp: 200 grams, Mem 8, temporary, 40, zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12. Fillet: 120 grams, coupon 744.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Oils and fats: 300 grams, Bet 30; Margarine, 600 grams, Bet 28, Bet 18. Coffee or Tea: (Eighth ration), 50 grams tea or 65 grams coffee, Lamed 16, Lamed 17. Sugar: 1,000 grams, Aleph 14, temporary, 2. Aleph cards, 500 additional grams.

HAIFA: Eggs: Het 23, temporary 9; for expectant mothers: 18, coupons 22, 24; for ill persons: Het Aleph 2, 4; Het Bet 11, 2; Het Gimel 22, 8. Butter: Het Aleph 2, 100 grams; Het Bet 10, 200 grams; Het Bet 11, 100 grams; Het Gimel 22, 200 grams of margarine. Poultry for aged persons: 500 grams, Nun 37, Nun 47, for ill persons: Het Bet 11 cards, 500 grams. Carp: 200 grams, Mem 8, Temporary 42.

For those not receiving meat: 3 eggs, Gimel 28, Sugar: 1,100 grams, Aleph 14, temporary 2; an additional 500 grams for Aleph cards.

Water and Electricity Supplies Of Jerusalem Threatened

Jerusalem POST Staff

Jerusalem's unpredictable power supply, which was improved last week when the [illegible] Cement Works started to transmit current to the capital, deteriorated again yesterday when the cement factory workers remained on strike for the second day.

The 200 employees staged an unscheduled walkout on Monday following the failure of the Company to pay them back wages. Although payment started yesterday, the workers demand assurances that future salaries will be paid on time and that sufficient work will be available for them.

Workers' representatives, together with Histadrut delegates, are scheduled to confer today with Company officials to discuss the situation.

Jerusalem, meanwhile, suffered a series of blackouts in various quarters as the Electric Corporation was forced to interrupt the supply. The Shimshon unit had been supplying about 2,000 kilowatt hours.

The Mekorot Water Company informed the Jerusalem Municipality that it would cut off the city's water supply next week unless its six-month-old debts were paid by that time, a Company announcement stated yesterday.

Noting that similar warnings had been issued in the past, a city spokesman reported that the Company was paid regularly for water consumed by the greater part of the city. The half-year-old debt mentioned by Mekorot involved the water supplied mostly to the Talpioth and Mekor Haim ma'barot, whose residents do not pay for the water, the spokesman explained.

"We have never shut off the supply to the ma'barot, and we don't think Mekorot will take such action against us," he asserted. "We have been negotiating with the Jewish Agency over the problem, but all parties concerned agree that it is complex and will take some time before a settlement can be reached."

TAXIS BLOCK STATION OF COMPETING FIRM

HAIFA, Tuesday. — About a dozen taxis blocked the station of the Keter taxi company here for one and a half hours this morning until removed by police. The taxi company is opposite the central bus terminal.

The drivers of the taxis said they had been sent by the Taxi Owners' Association which had ordered the recently organized Keter company to disband and their members to join established firms.

The Keter company consists of five disabled veterans of the War of Liberation, one of them the holder of the Heroes' Medal. With the Defence Ministry's aid, they were given the yard that served as their station from the Custodian of Enemy Property with the Municipality's agreement. The men claim that the fight against them was started by a taxi company which "is jealous of our competition because of our good service and reputation." The veterans claim that the Association Committee was elected four years ago and is unrepresentative.

Police arrived one and a half hours after the blockade was set up and made out unlawful parking reports against the drivers. The men reportedly refused to leave because "we are under orders of the Association" until police threatened to remove the vehicle with break-down vans.

An Association spokesman said here that today under an agreement with the Municipality, it was arranging for individual drivers to join established companies and had offered reduced fees to the veterans. Many taxi drivers dissociated themselves from today's action against the invalids. The veterans' company today withdrew from the Association.

Argentine Meat Due In Three Weeks

Meat shipments are expected from Argentina in only another three weeks. There has been a delay in slaughtering to fill Israel's orders, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday. Instructions have been given that smaller shipments be sent as they are ready rather than wait until the entire 1,200 tons have accumulated.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry sources noted that the Incoda company which buys meat in Ethiopia and Eritrea faced slaughtering, refrigeration and transport difficulties. Cold storage plants in Eritrea could not hold large quantities of meat.

Sir Francis Darling, head of the British Veterinary Service, who visited the Middle East for the F.A.O. recently, said here that the organization was prepared to establish veterinary laboratories at the Incoda plant in Eritrea.

Queried on the free sale of pork, it was stated that the Ministry does not allocate fodder for hog raisers. Consequently pork is neither rationed nor price-controlled.

Dutch Discuss Jewish Reparation Claims

THE HAGUE, Tuesday (INA). — A plan to settle all Jewish demands for property which was confiscated by the Nazis during their conquest of Holland is being discussed by the Ministries of Finance and Justice and by committees representing the interested parties.

Several members of Parliament have demanded that the Government return 20 million guilders to the Jewish community which the Nazis extracted in order to build two concentration camps.

Marauders Steal Mules

Marauders stole two mules and a number of slaughtered sheep from a village in the Jerusalem corridor on Tuesday morning. The tracks of three persons led to the border.

Matron Says She Beat Girls Who Associated with Boys

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — Miss Dial Rezai, 48, matron of the Wasfiyeh Orphanage, being tried on 27 charges of maltreating her wards and an illegal burial, took the stand to deny everything here today.

She said that she had came from a rich Syrian family and had devoted herself to the care of orphans and the poor for the Greek Catholic Episcopacy 30 years ago. She had always treated her wards in a motherly fashion, but added that she had beaten the girls to prevent them from associating with "street boys".

Earlier, three more prosecution witnesses, all orphanage wards, under 16 years of age, testified that the accused had beaten them mercilessly and treated them harshly.

The prosecution agreed to drop five of the 27 charges, because they were committed before the 1949 amnesty and two more because they were committed outside Israel territory.

'Most of World Does Not Know Where Israel Is'

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, told the Skal Club of Tel Aviv today that the "overwhelming majority" of the world population did not know what the word "Israel" stood for. He said that the local club, which is a branch of the international association of Skal clubs, created to foster tourism, ought to carry the idea of Israel abroad as even educated persons in many countries could not point out Israel on the map.

Mr. Eytan thought that the concentration in Israel on attracting tourists solely from the U.S. was a mistake, as the distance from that country was so great. In Europe and in many Asiatic countries, there were many potential tourists if something was done to bring them here.

He pointed out that Israel could not as yet be called a tourist country as the Jews, who came here as pilgrims and businessmen were not regular tourists. He said that the Government had made many mistakes in trying to develop tourism, but it was "conceivable that it was beginning to realize the fact."

18,000 Pay $2.5m. To Attend Hanukka Fete

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — Mr. Boris Margolin announced today that a record audience of more than 18,000 persons purchased $2,575,000 worth of Israel Bonds to attend the Hanukka Festival of Light which was held at Madison Square last night.

He said the purchase of a $50 to $1,000 Bond entitled the buyer to admittance to the Festival depicting the Maccabean struggle for freedom. Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Chairman of the Board of Governors, said "not only Jews, but all Americans can derive comfort and encouragement from the Feast of Hanukka because it is also the Festival of Freedom."

More than 300 performers took part in the festival whose final pageant stressed the "battle for economic independence" and the importance of the Bond drive to present-day Israel. The Festival narrator was the actor, Conrad Nagel. Other headliners included the Negro songstress, Hazel Scott, and opera singers, Hilde Gueden and Richard Tucker.

OIL COUNCIL TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

The Oil Advisory Council, established in accordance with the recently adopted Oil Law, is to hold its first meeting tomorrow. The first item on the agenda is a debate on the implementation of the Law, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

GUARD FIRES ON GANG

A watchman at a quarry near Hakirya in Jerusalem opened fire on Monday night on five men who failed to halt when challenged.

The watchman, Menashe Avraham, told police that he fired three shots at the men, one of whom limped. They ran to the road and drove towards Jerusalem in a car. (Itim)

Jordan Hushes Kol Yisrael

The Jordan [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] yesterday [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] listening to broadcasts of Kol Yisrael in public places.

Sen. Gillette Recalls 1946 Visit to J'lem

Jerusalem POST Reporter

Senator Guy M. Gillette, of Iowa, glanced about the spacious salon of the King David Hotel last night and observed, "Well, I finally made it."

The handsome, white-haired Senator, who at 73 is still a vigorous figure in American politics, explained that as an old-time believer in the establishment of a Jewish State he had first visited Israel in 1946.

"I was on my way to the King David from the airport, when the British politely informed me that a wing of the hotel had been blown up, and suggested that I seek other accommodations."

As a member of a sub-committee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is investigating the activities of the American information services abroad, Mr. Gillette has toured Pakistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, and now Israel. He is scheduled to return to the U.S. tomorrow.

Today he will meet Foreign Minister Sharett at Hakirya and will lunch with U.S. Ambassador Monnett Davis. A reception was held in his honour last night at the U.S.I.S. library in Mamilla Road.

Accompanying Senator Gillette are Mr. David Newsom, State Department escort officer, administrative assistant, Mr. Stewart McClure, and Mr. Pat Holt of the Foreign Relations Committee Staff.

Ben Yehuda House To Be Museum

The Jerusalem house in which Eliezer Ben Yehuda, father of modern Hebrew, worked and died 30 years ago, is to become a museum and home of the Hebrew Language Academy, Ehud Ben Yehuda, a son of the philologist, told the press yesterday.

Premier Ben Gurion has agreed to the transfer of the house at 37 Abyssinian Street from the Custodian of Abandoned Property to the Council for the Advancement of Hebrew. The Council will establish the Academy and participate in the Ben Yehuda Committee responsible for founding the museum.

A plaque on the house-wall, commemorating the great scholar will be unveiled tomorrow by President Ben-Zvi, exactly 30 years after Professor Ben Yehuda's death. Professor Y. Klausner, President of the Council for the Advancement of Hebrew, will open the ceremony.

The 14th volume of Professor Ben Yehuda's monumental Hebrew dictionary has been published in honour of the occasion. It is dedicated to Miss Henrietta Szold and Hadassah workers.

COURTS DIRECTOR DENIES JUDGES RESIGNING

Judge Y. Eisenberg, Director of Courts, yesterday denied that any Jerusalem Judges or Magistrates, beside Mr. Toussia-Cohen of the District Court, are planning to resign.

Text of Mapai—G.Z. Agreement

The following is the text of the agreement accepted by the Mapai and General Zionist parties yesterday:

a) The two parties undertake to maintain the coalition in the Government and the Knesset until the completion of the Second Knesset's term of office (in 1955).

b) The Electoral System:

1). The electoral system will be altered. Lists of candidates which do not obtain [illegible] per cent of the total vote cast will not send representatives to the Knesset.

2). A decision of changes in the electoral system may be reached through mutual agreement on the condition that the change will not cancel the above decision.

3). The electoral change will be presented by the Knesset in the form of a bill not later than [illegible] months after the formation of the coalition.

c) The Coalition in the Knesset: The two parties undertake to maintain the coalition in all the activities of the Knesset.

d) Education: The two parties undertake to implement the education system embodied in Article 20 of the Government's basic Programme in order that by the beginning of the year 5714 (1953-54), the ties between schools and parties or organizations will be abolished.

e) Municipalities: Municipal elections will be postponed until the elections of the third Knesset, and will be held at the same time. A committee will be set up to arrange the management of the Local Councils.

f) Organization: The following amendments will be made to the Civil Service Law:

1). Full details will be given of the obligation of officials, [illegible] to [illegible] part in political activity [illegible] because of their [illegible] or because of their duties.

2). Collective negotiations will be [illegible], although there will be no [illegible] for collective agreement.

3). In those articles of the law calling for negotiating with the workers, the position of the [illegible] will be guaranteed.

g) Economic Questions:

1). As long as full supplies to the entire population cannot be guaranteed, the control of essential products will be continued. All unnecessary and ineffective controls will be abolished.

2). The necessary steps will be taken to stabilize prices and the currency of the country.

3). The expenditure budget will be tightened, and the budgets balanced.

4). The income tax system will be re-examined in order to distribute the burden more justly on all the citizens of the State.

5). Development projects will be planned within the framework of the overall foreign currency budget.

6). Activities will be initiated to attract capital from abroad and to create suitable conditions for such capital in this country.

7). Exit visas will be abolished, except in cases involving security.

8). A permanent committee will be created to examine complaints and claims of an economic nature.

Lebanese Parliament Rejects Oil Accord

BEIRUT, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Lebanese Parliamentary Finance Committee has refused to ratify an agreement concluded last year between the Lebanon and the Iraq Petroleum Company.

The Government, it is learned, intends to reopen negotiations for another agreement which would substantially increase Lebanon's oil revenue.

Under the oil agreement Lebanon has received about £4.5m. each year but informed sources said she now wanted 10 times as much. A similar agreement concluded with Tapline (the Trans-Arabian Pipeline) will also be cancelled.

IRAQI POLITICAL DETAINEES FREED

BAGHDAD, Tuesday (Reuter). — General Abdul Mutalib, Military Governor of Baghdad Province, yesterday released 10 politicians detained during disturbances three weeks ago against the programme for elections due this month.

The released politicians include Deputy Hussain Jamil, leader of the National Democratic party and former Minister of Justice, Abdul Razal el Dahir, ex-Minister of Economy, and Ismail Ghanim, leader of the Istiklal (nationalist) Party.

Blandford: No Comment On Resignation Report

BEIRUT, Tuesday (AP). — Mr. John Blandford refused to comment on a report in Beirut "Daily Star" claiming that he had resigned as the director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

The "Star" reported the resignation would take effect January 15. The paper said that Mr. Blandford was "discouraged by continuing difficulties in UNRWA."

U.S. Zionists Call For 'Alertness'

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). ... The outlook for Israel under the Eisenhower administration is analyzed today by the American Zionist Council which calls for "alertness."

The official Council bulletin stated that "the reduction of the national budget is bound to have substantial Congressional support in both parties. Pledges of President-elect Eisenhower would force an attempt to reduce the budget and to transfer economic and military aid from Europe to Asia. Economic aid will probably be scrutinized from a military angle.

"The case of Israel will have to take its chances in the general demand for revision of allocations, and the friends of the Arab states will not fail to exploit a new opportunity to project prove that Arab friendship has been estranged and has to be re-won."

Ike's Brother to Head Korea Foundation

NEW YORK, Tuesday (USIS). — Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, President of Pennsylvania State College and brother of President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, has accepted the chairmanship of the newly formed American-Korean foundation.

The objective of the non-profit organization is to bring the American and Korean people closer culturally, socially and economically. It operates without endowment and is dependent upon voluntary contributions from American citizens.

Britain, USSR Agree On Veto Power

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—Three nations today urged the U.N. to disregard individual political differences and apply the principle of universality in admitting new countries to its membership.

Sweden, Iran and Pakistan made the plea during a debate in the Special Political Committee on applications from 18 countries.

The debate centres on the Polish proposal for "package admission" of 14 nations — including five Soviet satellites, the U.S. proposal urging the Assembly to bring pressure on the Security Council to elect Japan, and the French recommendation proclaiming the qualifications of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Earlier, Britain said she considered the admission of new members subject to veto by permanent members of the Security Council.

In affirming this view, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Britain, repeated the undertaking given earlier by Britain, the U.S., France and China, the five permanent members of the Security Council, not to use their veto power in relation to applications for membership.

U.S. Defence Programme Falls Short of Plan

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — President Truman said today the U.S. Defence Mobilization Programme in the last two and a half years had not expanded as rapidly as he had hoped.

He said in a speech here that the production of military goods and equipment had now risen to seven times what it was when South Korea was invaded by the Communists in June 1950. But he added, "The procurement officers and their contractors turned out to be overoptimistic in predicting how fast they could bring the new models of equipment into production."

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Cables in Brief

OIL TAX.—A 50 per cent tax on the net income of foreign oil companies operating in Bahrein would take effect on Monday by a decree of the Sheik. A spokesman for the Caltex group of companies said the Bahrein Petroleum Company, part of the group, would notify the Bahrein authorities it would "submit to the new tax."

MINISTER.—Louis [illegible], Minister-designate of Syria, accompanied by his wife and children, arrived in New Delhi yesterday.

ROYAL ESCAPE.—Ex-King Farouk of Egypt and his wife Narriman were unhurt when their car collided with that of an Italian doctor in Rome last night.

PLAYERS' GRADES FIXED; C.C.N.Y. COACH RELEASED

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). Observers here believe that Mr. Nat Holman, who has been temporarily relieved of his post as basketball coach at the College of the City of New York, was aware that his star players had their grades fixed so they could maintain their scholastic average.

Although the rest of the faculty and administration are believed to have been equally aware of the system of passing failing players, apparently Mr. Holman is to be made the scapegoat. Mr. Holman was to receive a pension from the College in several months for his service.

Jubilee Singers Here

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — The Jubilee Singers, a group of Negro spiritual singers, arrived here last night on a goodwill tour at the invitation of the Arts Department of the Binyanei Ha'ooma Association. They will give 12 public concerts in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv, and will also perform in Army camps and kibbutzim. They will receive no fees.

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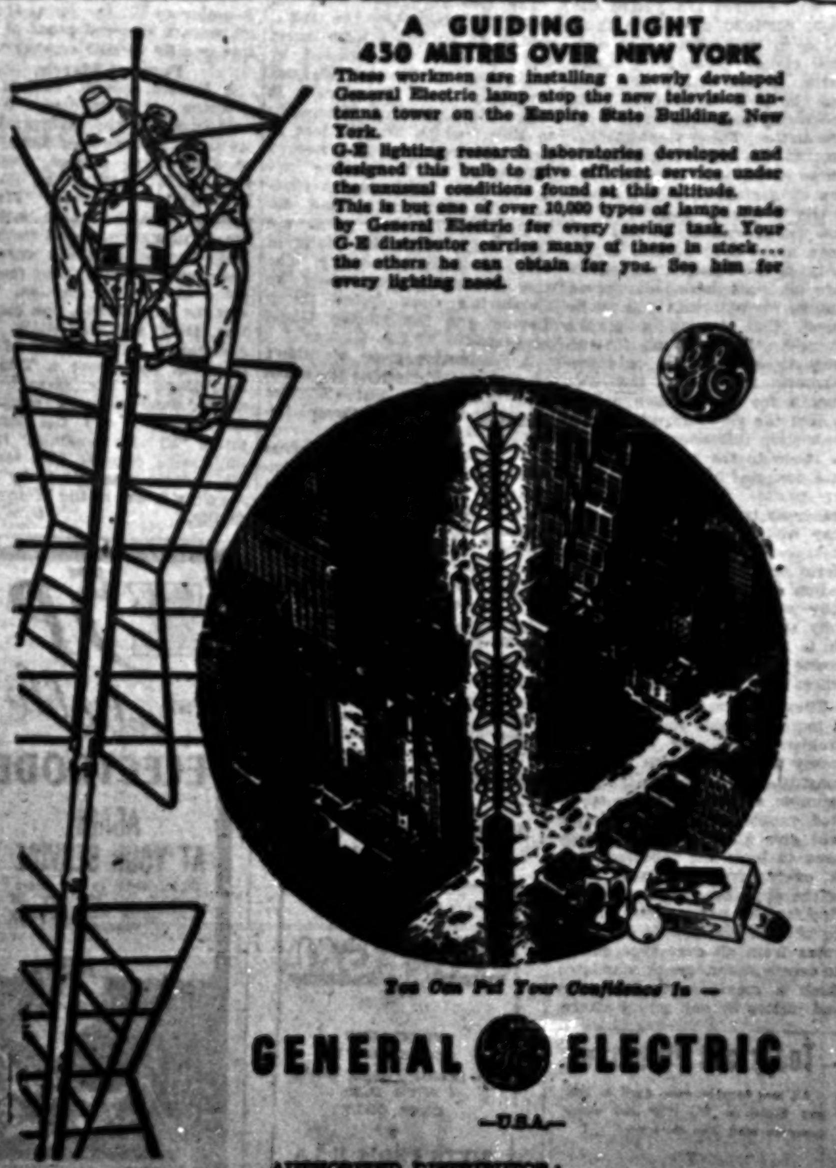

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TOWARDS NATIONAL UNITY

THE agreement to enlarge the coalition has met with a very warm welcome from the general public who are often ahead of their representatives in their desire for the attainment of a broadly based government of national unity.

The religious parties are at present aggrieved and their final attitude has yet to be made clear. The Mizrahi and Poale Hamizrahi feel, that as they are members of the Government, they might have been a party to the negotiations for broadening the coalition, or at the very least have been told of what was going on. On the other hand, they can have only themselves to blame for having tried the Prime Minister's patience to the limit.

The Religious parties, then, have a hard decision to take and they will be well-advised to make it a bold and imaginative one. The nation will react positively to a party which is prepared to contribute, at a sacrifice to itself, to the cause of national unity. Moreover they can perform a distinct function in the new Government. The definite proposal to eliminate the trend system in education during the course of the current school year must give them much to think about. It is a step upon which the vast majority of the nation has made up its mind. It is absolutely essential if we are to weld the younger generation into a united and homogeneous people. But what will be the fate of religious education? From within the Cabinet they may do much by persuasion and personal influence to obtain the positive safeguards they require.

Moreover they should consider well a delicate imponderable. In the past four years these parties have used politics in order to achieve their spiritual aims. They have used their balance of power in the Knesset to force concessions from the majority. Paradoxically enough, with the question of *force majeure* automatically eliminated as it is in the new coalition, the religious parties, if they are in the government, will actually gain an accession of moral strength.

The situation of the Progressives is an unhappy one. They recently had a long and intense fight within their party before they came to an agreement to join the Government; and they now find themselves threatened with parliamentary extinction at the next elections. They would be well-advised to accept the single portfolio offered to them and enter the Cabinet. The electoral clause eliminating small parties is still elastic and they may be able to exercise some moderating influence on its final formulation. These recommendations to the smaller parties of course presuppose a large measure of magnanimity on the part of the two large parties. They have the temptation to feel that since alone they control a majority in the Knesset an abundance of bedfellows may breed strange discomforts. It is to be hoped, that having a giant's strength, they will use it with proportionate wisdom and forbearance and make the way smooth for the smaller parties to join the Government. In this connection reference must again be made to the suggested measure designed to eliminate splinter parties from the Knesset scene. As it stands the proposal may well mean the end of the presence in the legislature of Herut and the Communists. The nation should ponder very carefully whether this may not be only superficially a good thing. It is always good to have extreme elements out in the open where they can be seen.

Then democracy must be served. A more equitable solution to the problem of splinter parties can surely be found. Some form of constituency representation, for example, combined with a modified proportional representation will give a fair chance to each area to have the representation it overwhelmingly wants while at the same time eliminating the tiny fraction party which will not be able to accumulate scattered votes from all over the country to create a mandate or mandates. Such a measure of democracy and justice we can surely afford.

Today and Tomorrow

All men born between April 4, [illegible] and September [illegible], [illegible] and whose surnames start with the letter

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report for registration and medical examination according to Order published in the daily press and [illegible] on October [illegible], 1952.

Ministry of Defence,
Manpower Department,
Recruiting Office.

A RAMBLER'S NOTEBOOK

MOUNT ZION REVISITED

General view of Mount Zion, with the Southeast corner of the Old City.

THAT very few people are conversant with the sights of their home town, is a well established fact. No wonder, then, that many things were new to me, when I had to show some foreign friends over Mount Zion last week. The broad stairway of crumbling concrete is now lined with Biblical quotations written on heavy upright stone slabs, that make the ascent reminiscent of the "Mount Calvary" found in many European villages. A row of flag-poles is planted on the top in whitewashed oil-barrels. A large steel-tubing Menorah of remarkable ugliness also emerges from an oil-barrel. The effect is by no means festive, but that of shabby improvisation.

Wasted Opportunities

Not the slightest attempt at gardening is visible in the lovely pine-wood on the plateau that could so easily be turned into a unique retreat for contemplation, comparable with the most beautiful sites on Mount Carmel. The three excavation pits, where such intriguing rock-cut foundations were visible, are choked with debris. The Greek-Orthodox "Church of the Catacombs," the most interesting site on Mount Zion, perhaps the original crypt of the Dormition, is permanently locked. This part of Mount Zion could form an archaeological area of absorbing interest, if the Greeks could be induced to re-open their subterranean shrine and a small sum spent on clearing the existing excavations.

The whitewashed monastery wall, inscribed with Psalms in blue, gives one the idea that someone on Mount Zion is striving to achieve the ideals of a regimental sergeant major, but cannot muster the energy to remove all the rubble and refuse that are apparent everywhere. The medieval cloisters of "Nebi Daud" have been painted blue. The effect of this ill-advised effort is rather surprising. The synagogue at "David's Tomb" is now fitted with queer wooden furniture in "Early Saxon" style, more reminiscent of the Court of Ethelred the Unready.

Surprise Discovery

The "Tomb" proper is somewhat improved by the removal of the wooden box, covering the beautiful medieval sarcophagus, the monumental proportions of which are now visible under an embroidered shroud. The Torah crowns standing on this cenotaph are fine old silverwork. But for the brass knobs, the new iron grille is quite good. The surprise of the shrine is the northern wall from which the modern facing has been removed. A hitherto unknown pointed apse in a wall of mighty medieval masonry is visible. This is a discovery of some importance, about which nothing has yet been published. I asked the beadle in attendance, whether the Archaeological Department had been informed? — "Not to my knowledge", he said, "You know we have a 'Riss' with them." (We are not at the best of terms.)

Dating the Tomb

The existence of an apse in this room re-opens the question of the age of the tradition of "David's Tomb". The pointed arch cannot antedate the 12th century, while the existing sarcophagus is of 14th century workmanship. The obvious conclusion seems to be that in the Crusader Minster on Mount Zion this room, adjoining the "Hall of the Washing of the Feet", was not at that time shown as the Tomb of David, but formed a chapel, the apse of which was exactly oriented to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The altar niche would have been without meaning if originally blocked by the empty stone-coffin standing across it. Thus it can be assumed that the "David's Tomb" tradition is no older than the middle of the 14th century, when the "Coenaculum" on the floor above was re-built in its present form. This date fits well with the relief decor of the sarcophagus. Benjamin of Tudela, the first to mention the existence of the royal tomb on Mount Zion, about 100 years earlier, gave no exact location.

Novel Patent

We were attracted by a sign, pointing to the "Israel Export Institute for Religious Objects," where, amongst a large display of souvenir trash, we found bottle-openers with Menorah-handles and, as a "patented and rabbinically confirmed" novelty, undershirt and "Arba Kanfot" combined.

Our last station was the Dormition Abbey. It was pleasing to be informed by one of the Benedictine Fathers that when funds were forthcoming, it was not projected to re-build the badly damaged conical-tin dome, but to replace this all-too-domineering structure by a lower stone-cupola, much more in keeping with the silhouette of Mount Zion. And it was satisfying too to hear quoted a *POST* article of 1940, in which we had proposed the same thing.

Th. F. M.

MUSICAL DIARY

A GERSHWIN concert on records was presented by the Israel Touring Club on Monday night, 15 years after the death of the composer at the age of 38. U.S. Vice-Consul John Rhodes commented in an unobtrusive, uncommonly sympathetic way.

The concert opened with the colourful Cuban Overture (1932), performed by André Kostelanetz and his orchestra, followed by "Rhapsody in Rivets" (Second Rhapsody for Orchestra). It lacks the appeal of "Rhapsody in Blue," which brought jazz to the Philharmonic, but the Second Rhapsody, a five-minute sequence from "Delicious," is first-rate in orchestration and development. The harmonics are Gershwin's, with the mark of his individual personality. The fine recording was made by Gershwin's close friend Oscar Levant and the Morton Gould orchestra.

A fascinating piece, we didn't know, was "Variations for Piano and Orchestra on: 'I Got Rhythm'." (soloist: Oscar Levant).

But the climax were scenes from "Porgy and Bess," magnificently interpreted by Robert Russell Bennett (conductor), Rise Stevens (mezzo-soprano), Robert Merrill (baritone) and a chorus. One could not help feeling that only a Jew could create such music. There are outbursts of rhythm, colour, vitality, especially "A Woman is a sometime thing," "It ain't necessarily so": a true portrait of a suppressed race, the score has the quality of Negro folklore, without quoting a single phrase of authentic Negro music. Here is drama in music and spontaneous melody. *Frango*

In Haifa

Brahms Quintet in f-minor op. 34 for Pianoforte, 2 Violins, Viola and Cello at Haifa's Beth Hatzofeh (on Saturday) was another delightful performance of the Israel String Quartet (Fenyves, Fenyves-Rosenberg, Partos and Yellin) with Mrs. Vincze-Kraus at the piano. Mozart's Adagio and Fugue c-minor (K. 546) and Beethoven (No. 17) in F-major op 135 for String-Quartet were a renewed proof of the fine quality of this ensemble.

Funeral March

A Funeral March, written on occasion of President Weizmann's death was performed by its composer Aviasaf Bernstein at a memorial service, held at the Haifa Institute of Music. Bernstein's Funeral March plainly exhibits the artist's mournful and depressed feelings, and we feel that the creative musician becomes the mouthpiece of a whole nation. The violinist Mrs. Domb, the pianist Mrs. Bick and the cellist Mr. Aschkenasi, all teachers of the Institute, performed a Trio by Joel Engel, while Mrs. Friedmann-Loew sang a song by Lewandowsky and the lamentation "El Male Rahamim" in an impressive manner. The memorial adress was given by Mr. Segall, a friend of the Weizmann family.

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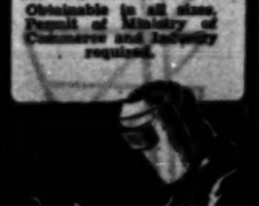

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AN EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF WHAT IS GOING ON AT

The People's Peace Congress in Vienna

By G. E. R. GEDYE

VIENNA. —

THE "Congress of the Peoples for Peace" which opened here on Friday is the most ambitious Communist demonstration outside the Soviet-ruled world in 1952. It is not, however, being held outside the Iron Curtain, for Vienna, as far as the Congress is concerned, is behind the Curtain.

The Austrian Government has been powerless to hinder this gathering of 2,500 foreign Communists and their friends in its own capital, because Vienna is surrounded on all sides by powerful Red Army forces, and has itself a Red Army garrison which is several times the strength of the token forces of the three Western Powers put together.

December was selected for the Congress precisely because this month it is the turn of the Russians to occupy the chair at the Allied Council and thus to control the International Sector. The Austrian Government is unable to keep anyone out of the country, because the Soviets arranged to bring in under Red Army auspices anyone who was refused an Austrian visa. But, to the outside free world, Vienna lies west of the Curtain and is therefore a respectable address for the Congress.

Soviet Instrument

There is a mass of convincing evidence to establish that the promoters of the Congress, the World Peace Council, presided over by the well-known French Communist scientist, Professor Frederic Joliot Curie, is nothing but an instrument of Soviet policy. The press of Russia and her satellites enunciates constantly such principles as that "peace" means the hindering in every way of Western re-armament, but at the same time the intensive arming of the satellites and the militarisation of their women and children, a war to the death by the "warriors of peace" against "decadent pacifism" behind the Iron Curtain, and the flattering and bamboozling of well-meaning but woolly-minded pacifists in the West.

The hundreds of available citations are covered by this one, published in the Czechoslovak newspaper Prace last March: "A strike in a capitalist country is a very effective way of fighting for peace, since it aims at paralysing war production and the transport of arms... to put arms of the outstanding quality which we produce into the hands of our People's Army — that is an act of peace."

Bird with a Wink

The phoney "Peace" movement — Austrian Socialists call its banner with a dove emblem that of the "Peace Dove with a Wink"—claims that its "peace pact" demand was signed by 564 million people in 64 countries (whose estimated total adult population is 873 millions.) The validity of many of the other signatures is questionable. In Vienna, for instance, there was a time when every intending customer in the chain of Russian-owned "U.S.I.A." shops (which sell goods smuggled in by Red Army lorries very cheaply) was first required to sign the "peace" petition. The Viennese who signed as Adolf Hitler, V.I. Lenin, J. Stalin, Francis Joseph, Maria Theresa — and in at least one case as Tommy Handley can hardly be held to have pledged themselves to the Stalinist conception of peace.

In recognition of this failure to gain international support, quite new tactics have been adopted for this so-called "Peoples' Congress." Particular efforts have been made to bring to the Congress non-Communists, especially representative of religious bodies, and the genuine pacifists such as the Quakers and Jehovah's Witnesses, (who are put behind bars 50 miles from Vienna, where the Communist world begins.) Concealment of their identities, coupled with freedom of speech at the Congress, has been guaranteed to all pacifists, especially to those who distrust the notorious "Peace Council." But in fact, the Communist organizers have secretly arranged to shunt all non-Communists off to private committees, and only if the views they express there accord with Soviet policy will they be allowed to speak publicly before the full session of the Congress.

But the Communists are not going to have it all their own way. The Austrian Catholics, like the Austrian press, are boycotting this unwelcome political warfare Congress.

Practical Joke

A curious printed letter was received last week by Austrian Communists and foreign backers of the Congress. Headed "Austrian Peace Council," it urged all supporters of the "peace principles of our Little Father, Stalin," to purchase through the Council the new twelve-volume "Stalin Encyclopedia," published in a "special edition bound in peace blue linen to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Russian invention of the printing press." As a specimen of the value of the work, the letter quotes from the volume "Anthropology" the following entry:

> SOVIET MAN, THE. Greatly improved model of the paradise specimen "Man" (homo vulgaris.) Invented in 1917 by Lenin and Trotsky, and later re-invented by Stalin (without Trotsky.) Highly prosperous, hence usually to be found six to eight in one room. Knows everything, can do everything, runs faster, jumps higher, grows older than any other. Discovered culture, the underground railway and — since the Occupation, in Vienna — the wrist watch and the bicycle.

The letter purported to be signed by Dr. Josef Bauer, president of the Austrian Peace Council. Who is responsible for the hoax nobody knows. But one hears that Dr. Bauer's office is angrily referring applications for further information to the headquarters of the Austrian Socialist Party. *(OFNS)*

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LIABILITIES

1949 French Frs.		1950 French Frs.
420.000.000	Corporate Capital (fully paid)	800.000.000
807.454.019	Reserves	670.082.814
7.076.472.363	Commitments towards Insured (Technical Reserves)	8.979.286.364
2.163.452.759	Sundry Debts and Creditors	2.571.966.457
87.212.442	Rentals and Income collected in advance	80.622.413
485.310.972	Provisions and other Reserves	580.252.413
86.292.447	Other Items of Liabilities	47.622.594
89.818.739	Pension Fund	78.214.971
190.065.180	Financial Results	268.505.692
Frs. 11.126.179.821		Frs. 12.746.664.297

ASSETS

1949 French Frs.		1950 French Frs.
5.093.706.067	Investments	[illegible]
265.073.126	Credits for Sundry Deposits	[illegible]
884.172.815	Cash in Banks and in Postal Cheque Accounts	[illegible]
2.346.810.485	Premiums receivable and Credits with Agents and Brokers	[illegible]
1.556.170.654	Technical Reserves to be borne by Transferees and Re-Transferees	1.772.286.400
119.189.315	Sundry Credits	284.082.543
26.901.156	Interest due and not recovered	42.155.[illegible]
48.798.865	Counter-claims and Salvage on Claims Pending	[illegible]
89.725.990	Furniture and other Items of Assets	783.[illegible]
89.818.739	Pension Fund	78.214.971
Frs. 11.126.179.821		Frs. 12.746.664.297

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR BUSINESS YEAR 1950

DEBIT

2.876.652.307	Claims and Annuities due paid ..	3.679.671.532
2.080.295.420	Commissions due	2.384.496.800
2.053.742.485	Premiums transferred in reinsurance	2.077.537.705
7.081.973.478	Technical Reserves as at Dec. 31 of business year	8.940.287.640
3.180.696.559	Technical Reserves as at Dec. 31 of previous business year	1.537.406.040
864.489.687	Cancellations of Premiums and Accessories issued during previous business years	780.094.267
42.078.560	Constitutive Capital paid out	38.815.212
2.563.402.684	General Expenses and Taxes	2.697.122.079
158.535.834	Loss on Realisation of Movable and Immovable Property and Securities, and decrease in Value ..	269.778.326
290.626.997	Loss on Realisation of Foreign Currency and Decrease in value ..	186.240.707
867.269.697	Reserves or Provisions as at December 31 of business year	1.111.156.961
158.740.485	Other Items of Debit	88.254.032
190.065.180	Credit Balance	268.505.692
Frs. 20.129.098.259		Frs. 24.100.728.293

CREDIT

8.800.670.751	Premiums issued [illegible] earned	10.262.367.870
1.596.702.228	Share of Reinsurers in Claims and Commissions paid	1.786.087.177
64.364.976	Counter-claims and Salvage on Claims	90.724.287
1.556.170.654	Technical Reserves to be borne by Reinsurers as at December 31 of business year	1.771.286.470
5.290.517.818	Technical Reserves as at Dec. 31 of previous business year	6.960.372.526
147.628.967	Capital for Constituting Annuities ..	229.906.944
282.438.704	Income from Sundry Investments and Increase in Value	300.297.061
264.896.624	Profit on Realisation of Foreign Currency and Increase in Value ..	182.370.497
1.206.296.673	Taxes and Levies	1.421.428.673
886.507.397	Reserves or Provisions brought forward as at December 31 of previous business year	936.068.373
210.844.647	Other Items of Credit	14.736.882
2.181.415	Brought forward, or balance of profits from previous business years	2.289.251
Frs. 20.129.098.259		Frs. 24.100.728.293

DISTRIBUTION OF BALANCE OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1950.

190.065.180	Balance before Distribution	268.505.692
Frs. 190.065.180		Frs. 268.505.692

60.000.000	To reconstitute the Provision for fluctuation of Securities	—
88.000.000	To amortize the Balance of pre-paid Fire Commission for years 1947 and 1948	—
13.365.929	Interest to holders of "Parts Bénéficiaires"	16.010.173
4.000.000	Dividend to Shareholders	25.950.000
22.500.000	To Managers and Staff	24.300.000
—	To Reserve Fund for Contingencies	200.000.000
—	To Guarantee Reserve Fund	1.602.139
2.289.251	Balance to be carried over	843.381
Frs. 190.065.180		Frs. 268.505.692

AUDITOR'S REPORT

In accordance with the mandate laid upon us, we have audited the Company's accounts closed as at December 31, 1950, and have found them to be correct.
We have had cognisance of the report of your Board of Directors.
We have found the information it contains as to the accounts to be correct.
In our opinion, there is nothing to prevent approval of the Balance Sheet and of the Profit and Loss Account as submitted to you.

PARIS, May 31, 1951.

Raymond ORLIK, Jacques RICHET, Xavier [illegible].

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR BUSINESS IN ISRAEL AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1950.

DEBIT

1949		1950
—	Interests paid but not debited in the other accounts	IL. 421,[illegible]
—	Profits for business year 1950	IL. 697,[illegible]
		IL. 1,118,[illegible]

CREDIT

1949		1950
—	Transfer of Fire-Accident and other Insurance Branches	IL. 1,118,[illegible]
		IL. 1,118,[illegible]

CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the Israel Profit and Loss Account of L'UNION Fire, Accident and General Insurance Company, Paris, for the year ended December 31, 1950, out of the documents and accounts of the Israel Agency of the Company, except insurance funds and general expenses fixed by the Company's Head Office in Paris. We confirm hereby that the above accounts exhibit a true account of the Company's business in Israel during the above period.

TEL AVIV, September [illegible], 1951.

FELLMAN, LIVAY and Co. Certified Accountants and Auditors.

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